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AND 3415-3487: OBJECTIVES 7.2 - TERRESTRIAL BIOLOGICAL  
RESOURCES, 7.3 - WATER RESOURCES, AND 7.5 - ENVIRONMENT AND  
HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

TALKING POINTS

1. PARAS 2330-2331: WE WELCOME THE DETERMINATION OF  
UNESCO, IN COOPERATION WITH UNEP, TO GIVE SPECIAL  
EMPHASIS TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION ADOPTED BY  
THE UN CONFERENCE ON DESERTIFICATION.

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2. PARAS 2330-2333, 2527-2538 AND 3414: WE URGE CLOSER  
COOPERATION WITH IHP IN THESE MAB PROJECTS WHERE IHP EX-  
PERTISE IS RELEVANT.

3. PARAS 2327-2329: WE WELCOME THE EMPHASIS BEING GIVEN  
BY MAB TO LAND USE AND ECOSYSTEMS MANAGEMENT OF FOREST  
AREAS, NOTABLY THOSE IN THE HUMID TROPICS. THIS CORRESPONDS

TO OUR OWN INCREASING NATIONAL CONCERN FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF CURRENT GLOBAL TRENDS IN THIS FIELD, IF UNCHECKED, AND TO OUR EFFORTS TO STIMULATE INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS AND ACTION.

4. PARA 2335: WE ALSO NOTE WITH INTEREST AND SATISFACTION THE CONTINUED COOPERATION OF UNESCO WITH UNFPA IN THE MAB STUDY OF THE SYSTEMS RELATIONSHIPS LINKING POPULATION DYNAMICS, NATURAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT. WE SEE POPULATION DYNAMICS AS SO OFTEN THE MOST CRITICAL FACTOR IN MANY OF THE MOST SERIOUS ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCE PROBLEMS WORLDWIDE. WE WELCOME THE ATTENTION GIVEN IN THE MAB PROGRAM TO THIS VITAL INTERCONNECTION.

5. PARAS 2367-2376: WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THE BENEFIT TO SCIENTISTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF TRAINING FACILITIES IN THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, WE ENCOURAGE MAB AND IHP TO SEEK OUT MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO CONDUCT TRAINING IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

6. PARAS 3424-3487: WE BELIEVE THE PROGRAM OF WORK ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS IS A VERY IMPORTANT ONE. IN THAT REGARD, WE URGE THE UNESCO SECRETARIAT TO ESTABLISH CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE NEW HUMAN SETTLEMENTS CENTER IN NAIROBI TO ENSURE THE RESPECTIVE PROGRAMS ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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COMPLEMENTARY AND MUTUALLY REINFORCING.

DISCUSSION (PARA 2330-2333, 2527-2538 AND 3414)

7. WHILE PARAS 2332 AND 2530 PAY LIP SERVICE TO STRENGTHENING LINKS BETWEEN MAB AND IHP, THESE PROJECTS DO NOT CALL UPON IHP EXPERTISE IN PROJECTS INVOLVING INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT OF RIVERS, LAKES, AND COASTAL ZONES; INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT IN MOUNTAIN AREAS; OR URBAN SYSTEMS AND RURAL SETTLEMENTS.

8. PARAS 2327-2329: WE NOTE ONLY DOLS. 72,000 ALLOCATED DIRECTLY TO FOREST AREAS, AND THIS IS SCHEDULED FOR IMPROVING KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE LAND-USE OF FOREST AREAS. THE DEPLETION OF TROPICAL FOREST IS PROCEEDING AT SUCH AN ALARMING RATE THAT WE MAY WELL SEE DISASTER BY THE YEAR 2000. UNESCO SHOULD DEVOTE A SIGNIFICANT PERCENTAGE OF THEIR NATURAL SCIENCES BUDGET TO A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF TROPICAL FOREST ECOLOGY AND MEASURES FOR RESTORING THESE FORESTS.

9. PARAS 2367-2376: TRAINING CONDUCTED WITHIN DEVELOPING

COUNTRIES IS PERFORCE MORE RESPONSIVE TO LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL, TECHNOLOGICAL, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CONDITIONS, I.E. THE REAL CONSTRAINTS UNDER WHICH THE GRADUATES WILL HAVE TO APPLY THEIR KNOWLEDGE. MAKING TRAINING AVAILABLE LOCALLY OR REGIONALLY IS ALSO A COUNTERMEASURE TO THE BRAIN DRAIN. VANCE

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